

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 33-55 are supported by the specification and the original claims.
No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 33-55 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a granulate comprising granules which comprise an enzyme coated with a polyolefin. See Claim 33.

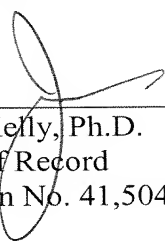
The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fuglsang et al. in view of WO 97/16076 is respectfully traversed. The cited references describe enzyme compositions, but neither Fuglsang et al. nor WO 97/16076 describe granules composed of a enzyme coated with a polyolefin. Therefore, the subject matter of Claim 33 and claims dependent thereon is not obvious over the combined disclosure of Fuglsang et al. in view of WO 97/16076. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be moot in view of the cancellation of that claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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